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Dear Examiner Menon:

Applicants thank Examiner Menon for agreeing to conduct an interview with Applicants' representatives, Michael Forzano, Tom Gsell, Dale Hunt, and Rose Thiessen, on May 5, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the pending Office Action Made Final. During the interview, Applicants' representatives wish to discuss the rejection of Claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, the rejection of Claims 1-4 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Wang et al. (US 6,045,899), the rejection of Claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by or under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Wang et al. (US 6,045,899), the rejection of Claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by or under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Del Picho et al. (US 3,762,566), and the contents of the Declaration of I-Fan Wang submitted with Applicants' amendment dated February 13, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
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